

Absolutely - that was the ultimate intent of "wiring" the country, as I remember. Once the infrastructure was in place, any business was supposed to be able to access the infrastructure to provide services in a competitive environment - to benefit the consumer. Our President pays lip service to the concept of small business as the stimulator of our economy and capitalism. The LECs operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning stimulates competition and benefits consumers. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. It is un-American and anti-capitalist to allow big businesses to purchase political support for their own greed. I am sick of seeing big business after big business take over the entrepreneurial spirit that built this country, and turn it into profits for the few, and price gouging for the rest of us.